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## Office Action Summary

	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 January 2002.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some \* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a)  The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____  |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Liu et al. (PAP US 2002/0077808 A1), hereinafter simply Liu.

2. In regard to claims 1, 10, 19, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, see abstract, comprising: storing a set of European alphabet letters in a memory (data file); see col.2 paragraph 51; inputting an alphabet letter to be converted to a European alphabet letter; see col.1 paragraph 6; determining whether a mode conversion key has been activated; see col.3 paragraph 57; displaying a plurality of European alphabet letters corresponding to the inputted alphabet letter on a pop-up window when it is determined that the mode conversion key has been activated, wherein the European alphabet letters are read from the memory; see col.2 paragraph 53; and selecting a desired one of the displayed European alphabet letters. See col.3 paragraph 54, 56.

3. In regard to claims 2, 11, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, further comprising checking whether the editing mode has been selected. See col.2 paragraph 53.

4. In regard to claim 3, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, further comprising storing a set of European alphabet letter in a memory (data file); see col.2 paragraph 51.

5. In regard to claims 4, 20, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, further comprising wherein the European alphabet letter set includes a plurality of European alphabet letters divided into a Capital letter group and a small letter group. See Fig.6.

6. In regard to claims 5, 12, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, further comprising displaying a mode conversion key and a save key in the editing mode. See col.2 paragraph 47.

7. In regard to claims 6, 13, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, wherein the displayed European alphabet letters appear in a pop-up window. See Fig.6.

8. In regard to claims 7, 14, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, further comprising displaying a mode conversion key and a cancel key in the editing mode when the pop-up window is displayed. See col.3 paragraph 59.

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9. In regard to claims 8, 15, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, wherein the pop-up window disappears when either the mode conversion key or the cancel key is pressed. See col.3 paragraph 59.

10. In regard to claims 9, 18, 21, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, wherein the step of displaying a plurality of European alphabet letters, comprises: judging whether the inputted alphabet letter is changeable into a European alphabet letter; and displaying a plurality of European alphabet letters corresponding to the inputted alphabet letter if the inputted alphabet is changeable into a European alphabet letter. See col.4 claim 5.

11. In regard to claim 16, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, wherein a series of numbers are associated respectively with the European alphabet letters. See Fig.1.

12. In regard to claims 17, 22, Liu teaches a method and apparatus of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal, wherein the displayed European alphabet letters are selected using numeral keys on a keypad, respectively. See Fig.1.

### *Conclusion*

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tam D. Tran** whose telephone number is **703-305-4196**. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI from 8:30 – 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Matthew Bella** can be reached on **703-308-6829**.

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